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SUBJECT: PEKING EDITORIAL HITS MID-EAST CEASEFIRE

AN AUTHORITATIVE OCT 26 PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL ON THE MID-EAST
CEASEFIRE REWORKS THE FAMILIAR TERRITORY OF SUPERPOWER COLLUSION
AND SOVIET PERFDY TOWARDS THE ARABS. THE EDITORIAL CLEARLY RE-
FLECTS THE PRC'S FRUSTRATION OVER THE APPARENT INCREASE IN
MOSCOW'S INFLUENCE IN THE MID-EAST AND THE EXPOSURE OF PEKING'S
TOTAL IMPOTENCE ON THE ISSUE. FAILING TO MENTION ARAB CON-
CURRENCE, THE EDITORIAL SAYS THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION
WAS THE RESULT OF THE UNITED STATES AND SOVIET UNION WORKING
"HAND IN GLOVE" OVER THE LAST TEN DAYS TO "PUT OUT THE RAGING
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FRLAMES OF THE ARAB PEOPLE'S JUST WAR AGAINST AGGRESSION," AND

WAS PUT FORWARD "JUST AS THE SITUATION WAS HIGHLY FAVORABLE TO THE ARAB PEOPLE." SIT REPEATS THE COMPLAINTS OF HUANG HUA AT THE U.N. THAT THE RESOLUTION DID NOT CONDEMN ISRAELI AGGRESSION, MADE NO EXPLICIT STIPULATION ON THE TOTAL AND UNCONDITIONAL WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAEL, AND DID NOT MENTION THE RESTORATION OF NATIONAL RIGHTS TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. THE SOVIETS ARE SHARPLY CRITICIZED FOR SAYING THE SITUATION MENACES INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND RUNS COUNTER TO THE EASING OF TENSION AND THEIR MASSIVE AID TO THE ARABS IS PASSED OFF AS "A BIT OF MUNITIONS" SENT IN THE USSR'S SLOW INTERESTS. THE SOVIETS ARE ALSO SAID TO HAVE "SABOTAGED THE STRUGGLE OF THE ARAB PEOPLES" UNDER PRESSURE AND INTIMIDATION OF "THE OTHER SUPERPOWER."
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